

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) An identification device ~~for~~ attached to a hose using a hose clamp, comprising:

an identification member;

a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

a member for securing the identification device to the hose clamp, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp.

2. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the identification member is in the form of a plate.

3. (previously presented) The device of claim 2, further comprising a stabilizing plate attached to the cross member so the stabilizing plate is substantially parallel the identification plate.

4. (original) The device of claim 3, wherein the stabilizing plate is removably retained substantially adjacent said clamp.

5. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the securing member comprises a protrusion that engages an aperture in the hose clamp.

6. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the identification device substantially matches the contours of the hose clamp so no portions of the identification device substantially protrude beyond the hose clamp.

7. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the identification device is secured adjacent the hose clamp to reduce or prevent movement of the identification device independent of the hose clamp.

8. (currently amended) An identification device ~~for~~ attached to a hose using a hose clamp, comprising:

identification means;

means for retaining the identification means adjacent a hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

means for securing the identification device to the hose clamp that is different than the retaining means, the securing means containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp.

9. (currently amended) An identification device ~~for~~ that can be installed and removed without interfering with the flow of fluid through a hose, comprising:

an identification member attached to a member for securing the identification device to a hose clamp, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp; and

a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses the hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located.

10. (currently amended) An identification marker ~~for~~ attached to a hose using a hose clamp, comprising:

an identification plate;

a cross member attached to said identification plate, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification plate adjacent the clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

a protrusion that secures the identification marker to the clamp.

11. (currently amended) A hose clamp containing an identification device, the identification device comprising:

an identification member attached to a member for securing the identification device to a hose clamp, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp; and

a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses the hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located.

12. (currently amended) The clamp of claim 11, wherein ~~the securing member further comprises a protrusion that engages the hose clamp wherein the identification member is in the form of a plate and a stabilizing plate is attached to the cross member so the stabilizing plate is substantially parallel the identification plate.~~

13. (currently amended) An identification system ~~for~~ that can be installed and removed without interfering with the flow of fluids through a hose, the system containing an identification device comprising:

an identification member; and

a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

a member that secures the identification device to the hose clamp different than the cross member, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein ~~the securing member further comprises a protrusion that engages the hose clamp wherein the identification member is in the~~ form of a plate and a stabilizing plate is attached to the cross member so the stabilizing plate is substantially parallel the identification plate.

15. (currently amended) A method for making an identification device ~~for~~ attached to a hose using a hose clamp, the method comprising:

providing an identification member;

providing a cross member attached to said identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

providing a member for securing the identification member to the hose clamp, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp.

16. (currently amended) A method for making a hose clamp containing an identification device, the method comprising:

providing a hose clamp; and

providing an identification device containing an identification member and a cross member attached to said identification member as well as a member for securing the identification member to the hose clamp, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the hose clamp independently of a hose on which the hose clamp is located; and

attaching the hose clamp to a hose.

17. (currently amended) A method for making an identification system, comprising:
providing a hose with a hose clamp; and

providing an identification device on the hose clamp, the identification device comprising an identification member and a cross member attached to said identification member as well as a member for securing the identification member to the hose clamp, the securing member containing a protrusion that engages the hose clamp, wherein the cross member transverses the hose clamp to retain the identification member adjacent the hose clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located.

18. (currently amended) A method for identifying the contents of a hose, comprising:
providing a hose with a fluid;

clamping a hose clamp on the hose by moving a first member of the hose clamp closer to a second member of the hose clamp; and

installing, removing, or interchanging an identification marker on the hose clamp without interfering with the hose.

19. (currently amended) A method for identifying the contents of a hose, comprising:
providing a hose with a fluid;

clamping a hose clamp to the hose by moving a first member of the hose clamp closer to a second member of the hose clamp;

attaching an identification marker to the hose clamp; and

using the identification marker to identify the fluid.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, further comprising providing the identification marker with an engaging member for securing the marker to the hose clamp.

21. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein the identification marker is removably retained substantially adjacent said clamp.

22. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein the identification marker straddles the hose.

23. (currently amended) A method for identifying the contents of a hose, comprising:
providing a hose with a fluid;

attaching an identification marker to a hose clamp;

clamping the hose clamp to the hose by moving a first member of the hose clamp closer to a second member of the hose clamp; and

using the identification marker to identify the fluid.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, further comprising providing the identification marker with an engaging member for securing the marker to the hose clamp.

25. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identification marker is removably retained substantially adjacent said clamp.

26. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identification marker straddles the hose.